

REMARKS

Restriction Requirement

Applicant herein acknowledges the restriction requirement in the above-referenced application. Claims 1 through 20 are currently pending in the application. The Office has identified the following groups of claims as being drawn to separate inventions:

Group I – claims 1-16, drawn to a method, classified in class 438, subclass 125; and
Group II – claims 17-20, drawn to a system, classified in class 204, subclass 297.

Applicant hereby elects the claims of Group I, claims 1-16, without traverse.

Election of Species Requirement

In addition, two species of invention have been identified:

Species 1, claims 1-9, pertaining to a method for electrically coupling a first side of a semiconductor substrate to a second side of the substrate; and

Species 2, claims 10-16, pertaining to a method of forming a contactor card.

It was asserted in the Election of Species Requirement that claims 1-9 read on the invention of Species 1, while claims 10-16 read on the invention of Species 2.

An election is hereby made, without traverse, to prosecution the invention of Species 1.

Please Note Information Disclosure Statement

Applicant wishes to draw the Examiner's attention to the Information Disclosure Statement filed with the Office on February 23, 2004, and respectfully requests that the documents or other information referenced therein be made of record in the present application and that initialed copy of the PTO/SB/08A form be returned to the undersigned attorney evidencing same.

Should any of the documents, or portions thereof, be unavailable to the Examiner for any reason, please contact the undersigned attorney, who will supply same immediately by facsimile or other suitable method of delivery.

CONCLUSION

An early Office Action on the merits is respectfully solicited.

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